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For: MASKING AGENT
Group Art Unit: 1761
Examiner: L. Wong

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESUBMISSION OF PRIOR ART; COPY OF FORM PTO-1449; COPY OF (7) REFERENCES

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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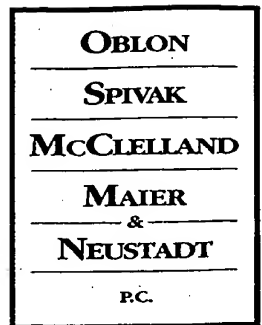


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In accordance with a telephone discussion between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Wong, **enclosed herewith** is (1) another copy of the prior art cited in the International Search Report (ISR), which prior art has already been acknowledged by the USPTO as having been received, and which prior art was also listed in an IDS filed November 14, 2001, and (2) another copy of the PTO Form 1449 submitted therewith. The only prior art listed on the PTO Form 1449 that was not included in the ISR is U.S. Patent 5,800,830 which, it is assumed, is easily available to the Examiner.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this prior art and initial all entries on the PTO Form 1449. In addition, since this prior art has not, but should have, been

previously considered, it is requested that the finality of the Office Action dated July 3, 2002
be withdrawn.

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